

## Minutes of a Regular meeting of the City Council.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 11, 1894.

Hon. Lewis Harcourt Mayor, presiding.

Council called.

Present Aldermen, Fisher, Gilvin, Fischer, Hayes, Morton, John Lynn,  
Maddox, Miller, Pendexter, Scott, Powell, Redd, Robertson, Roengren,  
Schreider, Shelly, Stumpf, Taylor and Walker 20  
Absent Aldermen Lawless and Townsend.

Alderman Odd moved to dispense with reading the minutes and  
that they be approved as printed, which motion prevailed.

On motion, City Attorney Pendexter and Marshal Lucy were excused  
from further attendance at this session of the Council.

Petitions.

Mr. J. H. Key for remittance  
of penalty charged against him  
by A. & C. for 1895 taxes.

By Alderman Taylor, Petition of Mr. Key, asking the Council to  
remit the penalty charged him by the Assessor and Collector of taxes  
for 1895. Read and on motion referred to the Committee on Claims  
and Accounts.

Mr. O. G. Hill for remittance  
of penalties & costs  
The Mayor then laid before the Council the petition of O. G. Hill, Treasurer  
to have certain penalties and costs remitted. Read and on motion  
was referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Alderman Townsend entered the Council Chamber.

The reports of the City Officers for the month of December 1893, were  
then laid before the Council and on motion were referred to their ap-  
propriate committee without reading, except the report of the City  
Treasurer, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The following is a synopsis of the reports:

By the Assessor and Collector.

To collections as follows:

From General Revenue		\$ 2640.69
" Interest and Dinking Fund Water and Light Bonds		340.49
" Interest on Old Bonds		75.44
" School Tax.		1700.86
Total Collections		\$ 7505.90

Referred to Finance Committee.

By the City Clerk.

Total amount of Warrants drawn against General Fund	\$ 5.99.19
" " " " Earnings "	\$ 337.75

Referred to the Finance Committee.

By the City Treasurer.

Balance on hand General Fund	\$ 1918.46
" " " Interest on Old Bonds	1261.79
" " " Earnings Fund	4,484.18
" " " Interest and Dinking Fund W & L Bonds	19,321.79
" " " Water & Light Fund	28,431.60

Referred to Finance Committee.

(By J. G. L. W. and J. M.)

Dr Unpaid for Taxes received in President's Office Paid in kind,	\$ 340.90
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Turned out	\$ 118.00
Sealed	19.00
Carried forward	79.50
Collected on back fines	5.00
Total number of Arrests	63.
Bound fees collected.	\$ 45.50

*City Physician*

Referred to Police Committee  
 By the City Physician  
 Number of Patients in Hospital December 1. 16  
 " " " Admitted during " 71  
 " " " Dismissed " 10  
 " " Deaths " 3  
 " " Patients remaining January 1, 1897. 11  
 " " Visits to Members during December 1896. 88  
 " Prescriptions written for Members during December 1896. 133.  
 Referred to Hospital Committee

*City Sexton*

By the City Sexton.  
 Total number of Deaths 16  
 White 19  
 Colored 1  
 Male 11  
 Female 9  
 Still Born 2  
 Premature 1

*Super. of W & L Plant.*

Referred to Sanitary Committee  
 The report of the Superintendent of the Water and Light Plant shows:  
 Total number of Water Tavers November 30. 7117  
 " " Added during December 33  
 " " Cut off " 9  
 Net gain during the month. 14  
 Total number of Light Tavers November 30. 909  
 " " Added during December 20  
 Making total at close of the month 929  
 The collections for December were as follows:  
 For Water \$ 709.13  
 " Light 7123.86  
 " Electric Power 296.16  
 Total \$ 1428.15

*Report of W & L Committee*

Alderman Lawless entered the Council Chamber

in regard to furnishing Year following, which was read and adopted:

Austin, Tex., January 1, 1897.

Hon. Mayor and City Council,

Gentlemen: We, the Water and Light Committee, after considering  
 the proposition of getting over water to the City, as also the re-arrange-  
 ment of the Bond of the Water and Light Committee, recommend to the  
 City Council the following: Be it resolved, that arrangements with the

and specifications as recommended by the Mayor and Superintendent and that the Superintendent be instructed to receive bids for such machines as he may consider necessary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Francis Fisher,  
J. M. Maddox

P. J. Lawless. Water and Light Committee.

Report of Com. on Printing. Alderman Haynes, for the Printing Committee, presented the following reports, in regard to Newspaper Printing, which were read and adopted:

Austin, Tex., January 1, 1894.

To Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin Gentlemen, Your Committee on Printing, having advertised for bids for publishing the proceedings of the City Council and such other matters as might be ordered by the Council for the ensuing year ending November 30, 1894, beg leave to report two bids received: one from the Statesman Publishing Company and one from the Austin Evening News; each of said bids being one-half of a cent per word for the first insertion and one-eighth of a cent per word for each subsequent insertion, and are herewith submitted. These bids being very little less than last year, your Committee, in view of the financial condition of the City, can not recommend the acceptance of either bid, but would suggest that your Committee be authorized to ascertain and report to the Council at the next meeting the probable cost of printing the Council proceedings for the ensuing year in complete form, or ask for other bids.

H. S. Haynes,  
S. E. Rosengren,  
A. W. Belvin, Committee.

Austin, Tex., January 1, 1894.

Report of Printing Com. on Award of Contract for Job Printing. To the Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin:

Gentlemen, Your Committee on Printing having advertised for bids for all Job Printing for the City for the year ending November 30, 1894, beg leave to report one bid received from Mr. Eugene Von Boeckmann which is herewith submitted.

This bid being, on the whole, somewhat lower than his bid for last year, which expired November 30, 1893, your Committee would recommend the acceptance of Mr. Von Boeckmann's bid for the Job Printing of the City for the year ending November 30, 1894.

H. S. Haynes,  
S. E. Rosengren,  
A. W. Belvin, Committee.

Report of Com. on Purchases. Alderman Linn, for the Purchasing Committee, presented a report on award of Contract for furnishing Feed for Horses, etc., stating that they had awarded the contract for furnishing Feed for City Teams and Horses at City Hospital for the period ending March 31, 1894, to Messrs. Oliver, Price, and C. J. Martin.

(The report was adopted.)

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Report of Finance Com on  
Mayor's Message in regard to  
Mayor's Salary & regular meetings  
of City Council

the City for the year ending November 30, 1897, to the Austin White Linen Co. The report of the Committee was adopted, and the Mayor authorized to enter into contract in accordance with the award.

Alderman Shelley, for the Finance Committee, presented the following report to Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, and City Council of the City of Austin: Gentlemen, Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Mayor's Message, relating to the salary of the Mayor; and regular meetings of the City Council; beg leave to report that, in our opinion the City Council has no authority to change the salary of the Mayor as it is fixed by the Charter, and recommend that hereafter there be but one regular meeting of the City Council in each month.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thos. F. Taylor  
W. D. Shelley.

Alderman Linn moved that the report of the Committee be received and filed.  
Alderman Taylor moved that the report of the Committee be adopted.

Alderman Robertson moved as a substitute that the report be referred to the Special Committee on Charter Amendments which motion prevailed.

~~Fire Commissioners report on Res. to change Fire Hydrant in E. Austin.~~ The Mayor laid before the Council a report from the Fire Commissioners to whom was referred a resolution offered by Alderman Nitschke, instructing the Water and Light Committee to have fire hydrant moved from East Twelfth and Alamo streets to East Sixteenth and Dogito streets, recommending that the change be made.

The report was adopted and the Water and Light Superintendent directed to have the hydrant changed as asked for.

#### Unfinished Business.

Ord. appropriating \$50. to purchase The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$50. to purchase one Soab Respirator for the Fire Department with a favorable report of the Fire Committee. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yea Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fisher, Hauges, Horton, Huhn, Lawless, Linn, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Plath, Powell, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Kunkel, Townsend and Gilmer. 19

Nays Aldermen Redd, Shelley and Taylor 3.

Ord. providing for sale of Wagons & Horses. The Mayor then laid before the Council an ordinance providing for the sale of six street wagons and eleven miles now owned by the City.

The ordinance was read a second time.

Alderman Taylor offered the following amendment: Strike out section 1, and insert the following:

Section 1. That the Street Committee be, and it is hereby authorized and instructed to ask for and receive bids, either private or public for the purpose of five street wagons and nine miles now owned by the City of Austin, and report such bids back to the City Council at the next regular meeting.

Edmunds, Beatty, moved, on a motion of Mr. Shook, the Alderman for Wilson, to reconsider the same to which all the members of the City Council assented, and the Mayor also assented. Aldermen Beatty, Huhn and Peter Dennis also assented.

## New Business:

Ord. fixing Bond of City Treas. at \$30,000 & calling for new bond  
By Alderman Shelley, An ordinance fixing the bond of the City Treasurer, as custodian of the Water and Light Fund, at \$30,000, and requiring the Treasurer to give a new bond.

On motion the rules were suspended, and the ordinance placed on its second reading by the following vote:

Yea Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Helm, Lawless, Linn, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Gilker. *V.V.*  
Nays None.

The ordinance was then read the second time:

Alderman Maddox moved to amend the ordinance by striking out thirty, and inserting fifty, making the bond for fifty thousand dollars, which motion prevailed.

A motion was then made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yea Aldermen, Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Helm, Lawless, Linn, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Gilker. *V.V.*  
Nays None.

The ordinance was then passed.

By Alderman Fischer, An ordinance appropriating the sum of 100 to pay contingent expenses of the Water and Light Plant.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:  
Yea Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Helm, Lawless, Linn, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Gilker. *V.V.*  
Nays None.

Resolution instructing Super. of Streets to put Culvert opposite Park Store in passable condition.

Alderman Redd offered the following resolution which was read and referred to the Street Committee.  
Resolved, That whereas, the Culvert opposite Park Store leading into Fairview Park is in a dangerous condition and unsafe for travel and whereas, in its present condition the City is liable to a damage suit at any time in case of accident.

Be it resolved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to examine the same and put it in passable condition as soon as possible.

Alderman Gilker called attention to the fact that John Cook had been carried upon the pay rolls as a ploughman, when he had been serving as foreman of one of the street gangs, and suggesting that the Committee be instructed as to how his name should be placed upon said roll so as to draw his pay.

Alderman Belvin moved that he be placed upon the roll as ploughman  
Alderman Shelley moved that the Street Commissioner be authorized to place his name on the pay roll in whatever capacity, he may see fit, which motion prevailed.

On motion it was adjourned.

John P. G. Pearson  
Aug 13, 1891.

Ord. amending by inserting  
\$50,000 instead of \$30,000.

Ord. appropriating \$100 for  
Contingent Expenses of W.L. Plant.

Resolution instructing Super. of  
Streets to put Culvert opposite  
Park Store in passable  
condition.

John Cook. How to be  
designated on pay roll.